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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In an Office Action dated March 29, 2006, the Examiner identified eight species ("Species I-VIII"). In response, Applicant elects the invention identified as "Species I", with strong traverse.

A listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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